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1. PRESIDENT CARTER'S MAY 18 TELEVISION INTERVIEW REMARKS ON
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NAMIBIA AND THE MESSAGE VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE IS TO GIVE
TO PM VORSTER "A REQUEST--A LITTLE STRONGER THAN A REQUEST--THAT
IF YOU DON'T DO SOMETHING ABOUT NAMIBIA THEN WE ARE GOING TO
TAKE STRONG ACTION AGAINST YOU IN THE UNITED NATIONS" WAS
HEADLINE NEWS IN BOTH DAILIES.

2. IN A STATE HOUSE PRESS CONFERENCE VISITING JAMAICAN PM

MANLEY (REFTEL) LINKED JAMAICA WITH THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN SOUTH AFRICA BECAUSE OF THE SLAVE ORIGIN OF MANY JAMAICANS AND SAID "OUR SOLIDARITY WITH ZAMBIA IS COMPLETE". KAUNDA AND MANLEY IN THEIR PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS CONSIDERED THE IMPACT OF THE HISTORICAL MAPUTO CONFERENCE AND THE UPCOMING COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE.

3. AT A MAY 18 PRESS CONFERENCE MARKING TITO'S 85TH BIRTHDAY, YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR TO ZAMBIA, DJURO VUKOLIC, PLEDGED YUGOSLAVIA'S CONTINUED SUPPORT TO ZAMBIA TO STRENGTHEN ITS ROLE IN THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE. VUKOLIC NOTED THAT IN THE WAKE OF SMITH'S WARNING TO ZAMBIA THERE HAS BEEN AN INTENSIFICATION OF CONTACTS BETWEEN PRESIDENTS KAUNDA AND TITO.

4. KAUNDA SAID THAT THE VISIT OF THE TWO TANZANIAN MINISTERS TO ZAMBIA (REFTEL) AT THE DIRECTION OF PRESIDENT NYERERE IS SOURCE OF GREAT ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE ZAMBIAN PEOPLE.

5. DAILY MAIL EDITORIAL MAY 18 COMMENTS SKEPTICALLY ON LIKE-LIHOOK THAT VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE WILL BE ABLE TO CONVINCE VORSTER TO CHANGE HIS WAYS AND GIVE UP NAMIBIA UNCONDITIONALLY, STOP PROPPING UP SMITH AND SCRAP SOUTH AFRICA'S RACIAL LAWS. MOTIVATION BEHIND U.S. EFFORTS IS DESCRIBED AS AVOIDANCE OF RACIAL WAR IN THE AREA AND NOT NECESSARILY ACHIEVEMENT OF BLACK NATIONALIST GOALS. BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN IS ACCUSED OF UNDERCUTTING MONDALE EFFORT BY HIS REMARKS IN LONDON THAT IT WOULD BE A DELUSION FOR BLACK NATIONS TO THINK THAT SOUTH AFRICA COULD BE TRANSFORMED IN MONTHS OR YEARS.

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YM CURRENT BRITISH-U.S. CONSULTATIVE EFFORTS ON RHODESIA ARE DESCRIBED AS A "CIRCUS" IN THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA EDITORIAL. CONTINUED TALK ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS IS DESCRIBED AS "BALDERDASH"

WHEN THE ONLY WAY TO TOPPLE SMITH IS THE BARREL OF A LUNWM SMITH HAS SUCCESSFULLY TORPEDOED PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS AND THE CURRENT EFFORTS CAN ONLY BE SUCCESSFUL IF SMITH IS REMOVED AND POWER PUT INTO THE HANDS OF A CARETAKER GOVERNMENT TO BE FOLLOWED BY NEOGIATIONS. U.S. INVOLVEMENT IS PRIMARILY DESIGNED TO GIVE "RESPECTABILITY TO INEFFECTIVE BITES AT THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM BY 'TOOTHLESS BULLDOG' BRITAIN." NOTHING MUCH CAN BE EXPECTED FROM THE TROUBLED LABOR GOVERNMENT PREOCCUPIED WITH ITS OWP TRIBAL PROBLEMS IN SCOTLAND AND WALES. THE DEPARTURE OF THE CONSULTATIVE TEAM FROM LUSAKA CANHBE CONSIDERED GOOD RIDDANCE SINCE IT ACTS ONLY AS A DISTRACTION TO THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO MUST GET ON WITH BRINGING SMITH DOWN BY GUNS.

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